



Escape from Vesuvius

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Before you read the book;

1. What do you think this book will be about? Try to include as much detail as possible.

Read to page 5

2. Begin a list of words that you do not understand or know the meaning of (do not include names). This list will be added to at the end of each chapter.
3. Name all of the characters introduced so far and write their relationships e.g. Lucia is Marcus's younger sister.
4. What can you tell about Marcus's family so far?

Read to page 9

5. Summarise the main events that have occurred so far.
6. Why do you think that the people were not too concerned about the earth tremors and the wells drying up?
7. What is a mosaic?

Read to page 14

8. Summarise this chapter in your own words
9. Why do you think everything was so quiet in Pompeii before the earthquake?

Read to page 18

10. Do you believe the things that Cornus is telling Marcus? Why/Why not?
11. Do you think that chapter 5 has a good title? Explain your answer.
12. What would you do if you were Marcus's family? Why?

Read to page 29

13. Summarise the main event that occurred.
14. Which do you think caused more damage, the lava and burning rocks or the ash? Explain your answer.

Read to the end of the book

15. Do you think this book is fiction or non fiction? Explain your answer.
16. Write a newspaper account about how the dog survived and was found.

* Create a timeline of the major events that occurred during this book.

* Using research material find information about a famous volcanic eruption and present your findings in an attractive way.